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**THREE PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF MAIL FRAUD  
SCHEME INVOLVING SOLICITATIONS ON BEHALF OF PHONY  
POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS' AND VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS**

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez announced that three persons were found guilty of participating in a mail fraud scheme involving solicitations for contributions on behalf of phony police, firefighters' and veterans' related organizations. After a six-day trial in federal court in Tampa, Florida, the jury returned verdicts of guilty against Timothy Day, age 32, of Ocala, Florida; Donna R. Day, age 51, of Ocala, Florida; Edward F. Hallock, age 61, of Pinellas Park, Florida. All three defendants were convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud. Tim and Donna Day were convicted of forty-three counts of mail fraud. Edward Hallock was convicted of eight counts of mail fraud and was acquitted of six counts of mail fraud. Each count of conviction carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Three other persons have previously pled guilty to conspiracy charges and mail fraud charges in connection with the fraudulent scheme. They are Jeremy K. Hoelzel, age 30, formerly of Ocala, Florida; Donna R. Oglesby, age 29, of Ocala, Florida; and Robert Gonyo, age 52, of Clearwater, Florida.

All six defendants are awaiting sentencing.

The indictment charged that between March 1999 and April 2002, the defendants solicited contributions by telephone and mail on behalf of the following entities which they created:

- Police Officers Foundation, Inc.
- State Troopers Relief Fund
- Florida Firefighters Foundation
- Veteran's Foundation
- Drug Abuse Fund
- Veterans Care Package Program
- Police Assistance Associations, Inc.
- State Troopers Assistance Foundation
- Firefighters Foundation

The indictment further charged that many of the solicitations were directed to elderly persons, and that in excess of \$600,000 was received by the defendants as a result of their solicitations. According to the Indictment, written materials were sent to contributors representing that the contributions would be used to assist police officers and their families, firefighters and their families, veterans and their families, and needy youths, when, in fact, the funds received were kept by the defendants for their own use and benefit.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service in Tampa, Florida. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dennis I. Moore of the General Crimes Section of the United States Attorney's Office.